

Dangers of Burning Heaters in Closed Rooms Cited by Official

During the past year 30 people in Los Angeles County were killed accidentally by carbon monoxide poisoning.

Five of these people met death because of running automobile engines in their garages without sufficient ventilation. Another person was killed accidentally when the deadly gas somehow or other seeped into his closed car as he slept along side of the road with the motor running.

Ten others died from carbon monoxide generated from their homes caught fire. Two more met death from the gas when their bedding caught fire.

However, the largest number, 21, were killed simply because, as the coroner's reports state,

they were "operating gas heater in a closed room." Eleven of these deaths occurred last month, according to Dr. Roy O. Gilbert, County Health officer.

ODORLESS KILLER

The treacherous thing about carbon monoxide gas is that it is odorless except at very high concentrations, and it therefore kills before its presence is suspected. The gas is produced by the incomplete burning of carbon-containing materials such as wood, coal, gasoline and natural gas.

If a heater is properly vented to the outside of the house, any carbon monoxide gas which might be produced because of poor burning adjustment is, of course, carried to the open air

through the vent. If a heater does not have a vent, fresh air must be provided through some other means, usually a window opened wide enough to provide good circulation.

Even if an unvented heater is burning properly, a supply of fresh air should be available in order to supplant oxygen consumed in the burning process. Whenever the oxygen content of a closed room is lowered because of an open fire, there is always the possibility that carbon monoxide may be produced.

The first symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning are usually headache, dizziness and shortness of breath on exertion. When such symptoms are noticed in circumstances which point to the possibility of a carbon monoxide hazard, a thorough examination of gas appliances is in order. In the meantime windows should be opened wide enough to provide circulation of fresh air.



PROMOTED . . . Marine Sergeant Richard E. Mullett, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Mullett of 1615 Juniper avenue, has been promoted to the rank of staff sergeant while serving with the Marine Corps in the Far East. He has been to Korea three times since he went over with the First Marine Division in August, 1950. He is now in Japan.

Youth Band to Stage Miss Torrance Contest

The Miss Torrance contest of 1952 will be held to raise funds for the Torrance Area Youth Band, William E. Bowen, president of the organization, has announced.

In the past staged by the Torrance Junior Woman's Club and the Junior Chamber of Commerce, the contest this year was offered to the band as part of its fund raising drive.

All profits made from the drive, to be started the latter part of May, will be used to buy instruments and uniforms for the band.

Other features planned for the drive will include the annual baton-twirling contest, parade

and band concert. These events will be held on the final two days of the campaign.

Clarence Sawhill, director of bands at the University of Southern California, will act as guest conductor for the concert.

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Newcomers to the ever-growing city of Torrance are MR. and MRS. PETER RIMAC, now living at 2708 Carson street. They moved here from Chicago. The Rimacs have one son, Donald, 14, a student at Torrance High. Mr. Rimac is employed here at National Supply.

Another new family to the city is MR. and MRS. JOHN C. MANDICH, and their son, Robert Michael, 2. The Mandiches now live here at 1226 Kornblum avenue.

Formerly residents of San Pedro, the newcomers have just purchased their new home.

Mr. Mandich is employed at the Naval Supply Depot in San Pedro.

MR. and MRS. ROBERT D. EVANS, now living at 1212 Felbar avenue, have recently moved here from Fontana. The couple has two children, Tommy, 2½, and Timmy, 8 months.

Mr. Evans is employed by the Torrance Unified School District here.

The Evans' say they moved to Torrance because "they like both the city's school district, and the city itself."

Former Los Angeles residents now living here are MR. and MRS. ROBERT C. JENSEN, 1203 Teri avenue. Mr. Jensen works for Safeway stores, while Mrs. Jensen is a recreation director for the city of Los Angeles.

The Jensens have one child, Steven, 1½ months. They say they like Torrance because "it seems to be a desirable place to raise a family."

MR. and MRS. H. M. BURROWS, former Santa Monicaans, are now at home here at 2938 Opal street.

Their one child, Candy, 5, is a student at Fern avenue school. Mr. Burrows is a teacher at Narbonne High in Lomita.

Elks to Honor Local Members

Members from the Torrance-Lomita area will be honored Tuesday night, January 29, by the Redondo Beach Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

William M. Everett of Torrance is heading a committee which will handle the event. Also serving on the committee is William O. Marlow of Lomita.

Everett and his group have lined up a program which includes a gala floor show. The dinner-meeting will start at 6:30 p.m.

Cpl. Foretay Released From Duty With Marines

Marine Reserve Cpl. Henri L. Foretay Jr. has recently been released from active duty at Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, California, and has returned to civilian life.

Foretay and his wife, Delores, are now living here at 1827 Reynosa drive.

During his tour of active duty with the Marines, he served at Camp Pendleton with the 3rd Shore Party Battalion of the 3rd Marine Brigade, FMP.

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